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June 25, 2013

Via Facsimile

Hon. Kimba M. Wood  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007-1312

Re: *Thai-Lao Lignite (Thailand) Co., Ltd. & Hongsa Lignite (Lao PDR) Co., Ltd. v.  
Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic*, 10-cv-5256 (KMW) (DCF)

Dear Judge Wood:

Petitioners are in receipt of the Court's recent order setting a hearing on Petitioners' pending Motion for Sanctions and Contempt for July 18 at 2:00 pm.

The Court of Appeal of Malaysia has calendared a hearing on Petitioners' appeal of the judgment of the High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur setting aside the award in this case on July 17. I will be attending that hearing, which will make it impossible for me to be present for the July 18 hearing. My plans call for me to remain in Asia through the following week to address other business; I will be back in New York the week of July 29.

Petitioners wrote to Respondent's counsel asking whether Respondent would consent to Petitioners' request for an adjournment of the hearing to the week of July 29 or thereafter. Mr. Branson initially declined to consent to our request, noting that he has made plans to travel to France, apparently for the month of August; he has now agreed to consent provided that Petitioners do not request a hearing prior to September.

In view of the foregoing, Petitioners respectfully request that the Court adjourn the July 18 hearing to a new date. Should the Court be disinclined to wait until September to convene the hearing, Petitioners will appear (through co-counsel) on July 18 in accordance with the Court's order.

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Respectfully submitted,

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cc: All Counsel (via email)

*The hearing on Petitioner's  
pending Motion for Sanctions  
and Contempt will go forward  
July 18, 2013, at 2 p.m., as  
scheduled.*

6-26-13  
SO ORDERED, N.Y., N.Y.

*Kimba M. Wood*  
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U.S.D.J.